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SUBJ: BELGIAN PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MINIMUM SHIPMENTS LIMITS

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1. POUCHED EWT- GREGORY IS COPY OF ENGLISH DRAFT
VERSION OF REF B, RECORDING DISCUSSION AT MAR 27 COCOM
MEETING OF REF A PROPOSAL. SINCE HE WAS WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS, USDEL RESERVED BUT, ON PERSONAL BASIS
DISCOURAGED DESIRABILITY OF CHANGE AT THIS TIME.

2. AS RECORD SHOWS, BELGIAN PROPOSAL LATER MADE MORE
SPECIFIC. QUESTION NOW BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IS THE
INCREASE TO \$ 5 50, \$2200, AND \$4400 OF CUT- OFFS APPEARING
IN PARAS 8,9 AND 11 OF COCOM DOC REG (66) 1. ALL DELS
EXCEPT US APPROVED.

3. USDEL SOUGHT TO DELAY RESCHEDULING OF ISSUE UNTIL
RECORD OF DISCUSSION AVAILABLE FINAL FORM FOR WASHINGTON
REVIEW BUT OTHER DELS AND CHAIRMAN PREFERRED TO RESOLVE
IT, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE START OF EASTER RECESS AND IN TIME
FOR PUBLICATION OF NEW REG DOCUMENT TO REPLACE REG (66) 1.
MATTER PUT ON AGENDA FOR APRIL 17 MEETING.

4. USDEL COULD WELL UNDERSTAND RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS TO
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OPPOSE BELGIAN PROPOSAL. FOR SAKE OF COMITY, HOWEVER, WE HOPE THAT WASHINGTON CAN AGREE, RECOGNIZING THAT WE (AND CANADIANS) WILL THEREBY STILL HAVE TEN PER CENT ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER PC'S IN EXPORTS UNDER DE MINIMIS, SERVICING, AND ACCIDENT OF DEFINITION CASES.

5. WE HAVE MADE HASTY ANALYSIS OF DE MINIMIS (PARA 8(A) EXPORTS SHOWN INPOST- SEPTEMBER S- DOCS AVAILABLE TO DATE. THIS SHOWS THAT OF 268 SUCH EXPORTS LISTED, ONLY 4 (1.7 PER CENT) WERE OF SUCH VALUE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY FEBRUARY DEVALUATION. IF (CONTRARY TO HOPE EXPRESSED ABOVE) OUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE NEGATIVE, WE HOPE WASHINGTON WILL MAKE SIMILAR ANALYSIS FOR SERVICING AND ACCIDENT- OF- DEFINITION CASES. IF THIS PARALLELS OUR RESULT FOR DE MINIMIS, WE COULD THEN USE THIS IN OBJECTING TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL.

6. ALSO, IF WE MUST OBJECT AT THIS TIME, USDEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE EXPRESS ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF GERDEL' S SUGGESTION (PARA 18) THAT THERE BE A PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE VALUE LIMITS. IF WASHINGTON AGREES THAT THIS BE AN ANNUAL REVIEW, THEN WE COULD WELL PROPOSE THAT THE MATTER BE CONSIDERED NEXT SEPTEMBER, ANNIVERSARY OF LAST REVISION.

7. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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